December 3 [Circular. Council To the Lieutenants of Baltimore, Frederick & No. 78 p. 305 Montgomery, varying the Number of the two last, to 50 Men.]

We request you to order out immediately, 100 Militia of your County as Part of a Guard of 200 Men, to be placed over the Prisoners confined in Frederick Town, who are at present guarded by the Select Militia, whose Tour of Duty will expire the 10th Instant. In ordering out the Number allotted to your County, it is our Wish you would attend to the Convenience and Inconvenience of the People, and select those who will suffer the least by leaving their Homes. They are to serve two Months from the Time they arrive at Frederick Town and, when that Term expires, you will order out an equal Number to relieve them, unless in the mean Time we obtain a Guard of Regulars to ease the Militia, for which we shall make Application to his Excellency Gen¹ Washington immediately and will inform you of the Result.

December 4 Liber C. B. No. 24 Tuesday 4th December 1781.

No. 24 Benjamin Stoddert Esq^r elected a Member of the Council attended p. 187 produced a Certificate of his Qualification and took his Seat

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Friend late a Soldier in the 2^d Regiment, one Coat, one vest, two shirts, one pair Breeches, one pair Stockings, one hat and one pair Shoes in part of Clothing due him also Levi Scott and Nathan Hull, soldiers in the Maryland Line, each, one suit of Cloaths, one shirt, one pair Shoes, and one pair Stockings and to Joseph Smith one pair Breeches and one pair Stockings.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Wilson, eight pounds, nine shillings and nine pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign, due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen!.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o Nathaniel Ramsey Two hundred and seventy five pounds of the same Emission, of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Gabriel Duvall, one hundred & fifty pounds of the same Emission, of the money ap^d per Acc^t passed by the Aud G¹.

p. 188 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Francis Speake, five hundred and forty eight pounds, seven shillings and seven pence, specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Certificates passed by the Depy Aud.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Levin Kirkman, two pounds ten shillings and two pence, of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for